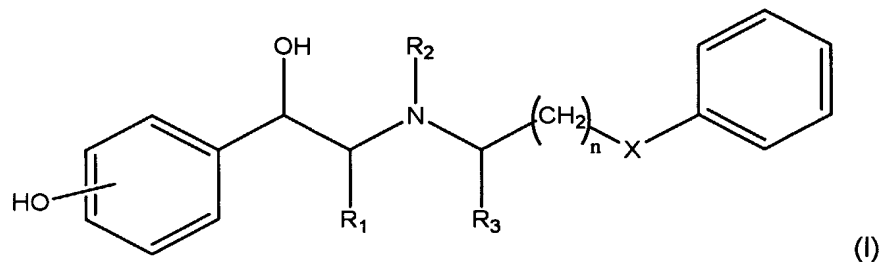


Claims

1. Use of a compound for the treatment or prevention of a condition associated with T-cell proliferation or that is mediated by pro- and/or anti-inflammatory cytokines, wherein the compound is of formula (I)



wherein R_1 is H or Me;

R_2 is H or alkyl and R_3 is H or Me, or R_2 and R_3 are $-CH_2-$ thereby forming a ring;

n is 0 to 2;

X is CH_2 or O; and

the two benzene rings are each optionally substituted with OH, OMe, halogen, $NHCHO$, $NHSO_2Me$, $CONH_2$, $SOMe$, OCH_2O or CH_2OH .

2. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is a chronic degenerative disease such as rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis or osteoporosis.

3. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is a chronic demyelinating disease such as multiple sclerosis.

4. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is a respiratory disease such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

5. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is an inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) such as ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease.

6. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is a dermatological condition such as psoriasis, scleroderma or atopic dermatitis.

7. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is a dental disease such as periodontal disease or gingivitis.

8. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is diabetic nephropathy, lupus nephritis, IgA nephropathy or glomerulonephritis.

9. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).

10. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is graft vs host disease.

11. Use according to claim 1, wherein the condition is a pain condition.
12. use according to claim 11, wherein the pain condition is chronic pain such as chronic back pain, malignant pain, chronic headache (including migraine and cluster headaches) or arthritic pain.
- 5 13. Use according to claim 11, wherein the pain condition is acute pain such as post-operative pain, post-traumatic pain or acute disease-induced pain.
14. Use according to claim 11, wherein the pain condition is neuropathic pain.
15. Use according to any preceding claim, wherein the compound is selected from buprenorphine, bupivacaine, fenoterol, ifenprodil, isoxsuprine, labetalol, medroxyprogesterone, nylidrin, protokylol, ractopamine, ritodrine, salmeterol and sulfasalazine.
- 10 16. Use according to any preceding claim, wherein the compound is chiral and is in the form of the enantiomer or diastereomer that has relatively little or no activity at the α or β adrenoceptor.
17. Use according to any preceding claim, wherein the patient to be treated is
- 15 also administered another therapeutic agent selected from corticosteroids, cytotoxics, antibiotics, immunosuppressants, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, narcotic analgesics, local anaesthetics, NMDA antagonists, neuroleptics, anti-convulsants, anti-spasmodics, anti-depressants and muscle relaxants.